It was a very exciting day for our school community last Thursday, when our school leaders were inducted at a special ceremony held under the school COLA. We were all honoured and privileged to have our Riverina Regional Director of Education, Mr Colin Parker present as our guest speaker and to individually congratulate all our student leaders. Thank you to all our parents, friends and relatives who attended, to help mark this auspicious occasion.

Lucinda and Jack did an excellent job of running the assembly as their first official duty in their role as school captains. All our students made their pledges and parents pinned on their badges. Mr Parker spoke about the importance of supporting our students in their leadership roles, as they have a big responsibility and to remember that they are learning as they grow. He also reminded our leaders to seek advice and support from their families and friends. Mr Parker enjoyed visiting our classrooms and meeting our students. He said he was very impressed with the fine young people he met and said they are an absolute credit their schools and families.

Thank you to the P&C for providing a BBQ lunch for all. Our school community enjoyed meeting and chatting to Mr Parker. (I believe he also went home with fresh produce from our school garden.)

**Up Coming Events**

- **Monday, 18th February** - School Swimming Scheme K-6 12.00-3.00pm
- **Monday, 18th February** - P&C Meeting 7.00pm
- **Friday, 22nd February** - School Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday, 26th February** - Nathan Hindmarsh Visit 1.15-2.00pm
- **Thursday, 7th March** - Mobile Library
- **Friday, 8th March** - Riverina Swimming Carnival
- **Monday, 25th March** - Young Leaders Day - Sydney

**Canteen Roster**

- **Wed. 20th Feb.** - Leigh Jackson & Dee Amor
- **Wed. 27th Feb.** - Donna Brown & Gillian Star

**IMPORTANT NOTES TO BE RETURNED THIS WEEK**

- Scripture Note
- Year 6 Young Leaders Day
- Birthday

Please return these notes to school as soon as possible

**EMAIL ISSUES**

There have been problems with the email system so some items may not have been put in the newsletter.
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Please fill in the attached form so that we can organise our Scripture classes for 2013.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Lunch Boxes

I have noticed over the last week that students are saying they are still hungry and have eaten all the food in their lunch boxes. May I suggest, that it is OK to pack more sandwiches/fresh fruit and less packaged “snack” type foods.

Often these pre-packaged snacks are very expensive and full of sugar. It is OK for the students to have a healthy sandwich at recess time (11am) and another healthy one at lunch time (1pm). Often they have been awake for a long time and had breakfast ages ago, by 11am they are ready for something substantial.

We encourage healthy eating at school. Please do not send lollies to school and if possible cut fruit is easier for students to manage. Also, it is great to see students bringing a water bottle to school each day.

Birthdays At School

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School Swimming School

Our school swimming school has been highly successful again this year. This is due to Mrs Power’s excellent co-ordination of this program. We have noticed a huge improvement in all students’ water confidence and swimming skills/technique. This program would also not be so successful without the help of our parents who volunteer their time to help.

Thank you to Mrs Lee Flood, Mrs Sandy Taylor, Mrs Emily Barber, Mrs Dimity Ryan, Mrs Ros Srdoc, Ms Michelle Farlow and our teachers, Mrs Liddicoat, Miss Gordon, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Muirhead.
Library Information Research Classes: 
Change of Day.
Please note library classes will now be held on a Thursday.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Margaret Star will continue to be our school librarian and research information teacher. However, she is only available to work on Thursday. So please note that students will have to remember to bring their library bags to school for book borrowing on Thursday.

What’s Happening This Week!
• Monday: Last day of swimming school.
• P & C Meeting 7pm
• Notes and newsletter coming home.
• Wednesday and Thursday Mrs Vernon will be attending the Riverina Regional Principal’s Conference in Albury.
• Friday 22nd School Swimming Carnival

School Swimming Carnival
This Friday, 22nd February, the school will hold its annual swimming carnival. All students will be making their way across to the pool at approximately 9:15am after a roll call has been carried out at school. Students are encouraged to wear sports clothes that are the colour of their sporting house. Throughout this week, house meetings will be held to prepare war cries and organise students for the carnival on Friday.

Parents will be required to assist with time keeping at the carnival. The more parents we have volunteer for this job, the smoother the carnival will operate. Please see me, Mrs Robertson, on Friday morning at the pool if you are able to assist with time-keeping.

Any parents willing and able to assist with setting up equipment at the pool, this will be done at 8.00am on Friday morning. Any assistance available will be very much appreciated.

Attached to today’s newsletter is the Program of events.

We have had a great start to our new school year. Thank you for the wonderful way you send your children to school, well organised, with excellent manners and ready to learn.

Next week we will be organising parent/teachers student meetings. Thank you for returning school notes and your voluntary contribution fees.

Looking forward to a great week,
Lucia Vernon
Principal

Amendments to Smoke-free Environment Act 2000
Amendments have been made to the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 to make the following settings smoke-free from 7th January 2013:
• In public playgrounds within 10 metres of children’s play equipment;
• In open areas of public swimming pools;
• In major sporting facilities and at public sports grounds;
• At public transport stops and stations;
• Within 4 metres of the pedestrian access point to a public building; and
• From 2105, commercial outdoor dining areas.


Missing
Could all infants’ students please check their green sport shirts? We are still missing a brand new sport shirt with WILLIAMS on the name tag. If found, could you please return this shirt to the office?

Thank you.

STUDENT AWARDS
Miss Gordon
• All Kindergarten - for successfully completing the first week of Kindergarten at Goolgowi Public School.
David Taylor - for his sound recognition of numbers before and after a given number.

Mrs Liddicoat/Ms Maher

• Jessi Knowles - for being a fabulous class member and always trying her best.
• Brandon Williams - for a fantastic effort in Mathematics.

Mrs Robertson

• Jack Nicholls - for thoughtful contribution to discussion about length.
• Fletcher Ryan - for being helpful and responsible with younger students.

Mrs Vernon’s Principal Awards

• Lucinda Star - for doing an excellent job running the induction ceremony.
• Jack Gordon - for doing an excellent job running the induction ceremony.

SPORTS REPORT

Today was the last day for our school swimming scheme. The students all had a fantastic time learning new skills or refining the skills that they already had. Students will be able to display these skills at our swimming carnival this Friday. Thank you to all the parent helpers that have helped out during the two weeks. Without the parent helpers this scheme would not be able to be run. A special thank you goes to Sharon Power for all her help organising groups and attending every day.

Ms Maher and Mrs Robertson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday Afternoon Cards

Come and join us in a game of cards (Eucha) on the first Sunday of the month at the Goolgowi Ex-Servicemen’s Club. Starting time 1 o’clock. First game 3rd March 2013

Free Pups

A good home is needed for 3 female kelpie black barb cross puppies. Three months old (Mum is an excellent paddock dog, Dad is great shed dog.) Phone: Ian or Cath on 6965 2379.

Hillston Swans JUNIOR Registrations

When: Wednesday 13th of February, 2013
Time: 5:30pm- 7:00pm
Where: Hillston Lions Park

Registration is for all Junior players, even those that may play in senior grades. If you are under 18 you are classified as a junior player. There will be a free sausage sizzle running for all REGISTERED players.

If you are unable to attend, please send an email to hillstonswans@gmail.com, and a registration form can be forwarded to you.
GOOLGOWI SWIMMING COMPLEX
HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday 18 February until Sunday 24 February 2013
Due to unavailability of Lifeguards the pool will only be open the following hours this week

Monday & Thursday  Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday  5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Friday*  3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Friday Swim Club Only  from 5 pm
Saturday  1.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Sunday  1.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Times may change at lifeguard’s discretion
*Swim Club will be held from 5 pm each Friday night.
Access to the pool from this time will be limited to Swim Club Members Only.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Goolgowi General Store
1 Stipa Street
Goolgowi NSW 2652
Ph: 02 6965 1201
Fax: 02 6965 1495
Proprietor: Kylie McKenzie

Fuel, Take Away Food, Newsagency, Groceries, DVD’s, Australia Post including Bank @ Post Services
Gas Refills & Exchanges, Efpos,
Hardware Supplies, Agent for Starfish Florist & much more.

Hours of Business
Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 6.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am to 1.00pm - Sunday 9.30am to 1.00pm
Hours extended during harvest

MS & SA Armstrong
Excavating Contractors
Ph: 02 6965 1188
Mick: 0427 483 870

B & C Robertson Engineering
Brady’s Road
Goolgowi NSW 2652
Ph: 6965.1417
Mobile: 0427.651.417
9:45am
1. House War Cries
2. 100m Freestyle
   Junior Girls
   Senior Girls
   Junior Boys
   Senior Boys

3. 50m Freestyle
   Sub Jnr Girls
   Sub Jnr Boys
   8 yr Girls
   8 yr Boys
   9 yr Girls
   9 yr Boys
   10 yr Girls
   10 yr Boys
   11 yr Girls
   11 yr Boys
   12/13 yr Girls
   12/13 yr Boys

4. 25m Freestyle
   6 yr girls
   6 yr boys
   7 yr girls
   7 yr boys
   8 yr Girls
   8 yr Boys
   9 yr Girls
   9 yr Boys
   10 yr Girls
   10 yr Boys
   11 yr Girls
   11 yr Boys
   12/13 yr Girls
   12/13 yr Boys

5. 10m Events, Free, Breast
   5 yr girls
   5 yr boys
   6 yr girls
   6 yr boys
   7 yr girls
   7 yr boys

6. 50m Breaststroke
   Sub Jnr Girls
   Sub Jnr Boys
   8 yr Girls
   8 yr Boys
   9 yr Girls
   9 yr Boys
   10 yr Girls
   10 yr Boys
   11 yr Girls
   11 yr Boys
   12/13 yr Girls
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7. 25m Breaststroke
   6 yr girls
   6 yr boys
   7 yr girls
   7 yr boys
   8 yr Girls
   8 yr Boys
   9 yr Girls
   9 yr Boys

8. 50m Backstroke
   8 yr Girls
   8 yr Boys
   9 yr Girls
   9 yr Boys
   10 yr Girls
   10 yr Boys
   11 yr Girls
   11 yr Boys
   12/13 yr Girls
   12/13 yr Boys

9. 50m Butterfly
   Jun Girls
   Jun Boys
   Senior Girls
   Senior Boys

10. 200m Individual Medley
    Jun Girls
    Jun Boys
    Senior Girls
    Senior Boys

11. 4 x 50m Relays
    Jun Girls
    Jun Boys
    Senior Girls/Boys

12. Presentations
    RECESS, LUNCH BREAKS & SCORE UPDATES
    WILL BE TAKEN AT SUITABLE TIMES
18th February 2013

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Please indicate, by placing an X in one of the above boxes, which Religious Education group you would like your child to attend or if you DO NOT wish your child to receive Special Religious Education.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________
____________________________________
____________________________________
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully

LUCIA VERNON
PRINCIPAL
18th February 2013

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PRINCIPAL

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**BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL**

I, ___________________________________________________,

☐ DO

☐ DO NOT (please tick one)

wish my child/children to be involved in birthday celebrations at school.

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Signature  Date

Principal: Mrs Lucia Vernon